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SUBJECT: "PRG" WHO APPLICATION PRIORITY

REFS: A) STATE 83362; B) GENEVA 2480; C) GENEVA 2443

1. WHO DIRGEN MAHLER LISTENED ATTENTIVELY MY PRESENTATION US POSITION ON PRG APPLICATION TO JOIN WHO APRIL 14, AND REPLIED THAT, IN EFFECT, HE "AS NEUTRAL" HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW NORMAL PROCEDURES AND CIRCULATE PRG REQUEST IN ANTICIPATION OF ACTION BY EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ULTIMATELY BY ASSEMBLY. I OBSERVED THAT IN SO DOING WHO WOULD BE INTIMATING THE PRG MEETS MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA WHICH IT DOES NOT, AND PRESSED HIM TO CIRCULATE THE DOCUMENT WITH A DISCLAIMER ALONG LINES THOSE CONTAINED PARA 1 REFTEL (A). THOUGH THE PRG REQUEST HAD NOT BEEN CIRCULATED BY SECRETARIAT WHEN I SPOKE WITH MAHLER, I DOUBT THAT HE WILL ADD ANY DISCLAIMER.

2. MAHLER SAID OUR OBJECTIONS COULD BE MADE WHEN
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AGENDA AND/OR WHEN WHA APPROVES AGENDA SINCE THE ISSUE WE WERE RAISING WAS REALLY, HE SAID, WHETHER THE PRG REQUEST WAS RECEIVABLE OR NON-RECEIVABLE BY THE WHO.

3. ASKED WHETHER HE INTENDED INVITE PRG ATTEND ASSEMBLY AS IS HIS PRIVILEGE UNDER RULE 3, WHA RULES OF PROCEDURE, MAHLER RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY. HE ADDED THAT PRG WOULD BE INVITED ONLY WHEN ITS ADMISSION QUESTION BEING DISCUSSED AT WHA. MAHLER EXPLAINED THAT ONCE PRG INSCRIBED ON AGENDA, AND THE AGENDA APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY, THE QUESTION OF PRG ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP WOULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED IN ITS FAVOR BY WHA ACTION AND HE, AS DIRGEN WOULD THEN SIMPLY BE FOLLOWING UP ON DECISION OF ASSEMBLY.

4. DIRGEN DEPLORED ONCE AGAIN INJECTION OF POLITICAL MATTERS INTO WHA PROCEEDINGS, ADDING THAT WHO COULD, UPON REQUEST, PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN SERVICES TO REGION WHETHER OR NOT PROG WAS WHO MEMBER.

5. HE ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF SEEKING POST-PONEMENT, AND CALLED ATTENTION TO RULE 70 REGARDING "IMPORTANT QUESTION" PROCEDURE. SINCE TACTICS TO BE EMPLOYED HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED, I SAID SIMPLY THAT WE WERE VIGOROUSLY GOING TO OPPOSE PRG ENTRY.DALE

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